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The reply filed on 12/05/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant's representative elected with traverse Group II and the species referring to Figures 1B-1E but did not mention if claims 6-35 and 64-74 also read on the lected species. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Alvin Stewart
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